


EXAM: ULTRASOUND GUIDED ABSCISS DRAINAGE Imaging Department 330-596-7700 Scheduling 330-596-7187	
INDICATIONS:	If questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician. This exam is a therapeutic procedure used to drain areas of fluid collection involved with certain infectious processes.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS:	Please notify your physician and the Imaging staff if you have any allergies, especially to local anesthetics such as lidocaine.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE SHOULD I GO?	The exam itself will take between 20-30 minutes. Patient needs to arrive 1 hour prior to the exam for any pre-testing necessary. Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right.
PREPARATION:	If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam. Okay to have a light meal prior to procedure. Patient should avoid taking anti-inflammatory medication 24-48 hours prior to procedure (ex: Advil, Motrin, ibuprofen, Aleve, naproxyn, etc), aspirin, plavix, coumadin, or any other blood thinners should be stopped prior to exam. Please be sure to discuss discontinuations of prescribed medications with your physician. They will tell you how many days prior to procedure to discontinue medications. Do not discontinue medications without consulting your physician first.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Take medication as usual. Bring in a list of meds
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	The patient will be taken for blood work 1 hour prior to the exam. During the exam there will be a gel placed on your skin in order to create an image. For certain areas the ultrasonographer will need to apply more pressure than others. You may be asked to hold your breath for short periods of time. A needle will be placed into the area of interest to drain the abscess into a container. That fluid is then sent for laboratory evaluation. If you have any questions you may call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. To change your appointment call scheduling at 330-596-7187.